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SUBJ:PODGORNY S VISIT: PODGORNY DENOUNCES WESTERN INTERFERENCE
IN OTHER COUNTRIES' AFFAIRS

1. SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR AT LIVINGSTONE,
MARCH 27, PODGORNY REAFFIRMED HIS COUNTRY S COMMITMENT TO
THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CONDEMNED
CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. SOUTHERN AFRICA, SAID PODGORNY, IS ONE OF THE
WORLD S MOST IMPORTANT BATTLEFIELDS TO DETERMINE IF NOBLE
PRINCIPLES CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS CAN BE PUT INTO EFFECT.
LIVINGSTONE WAS DESCRIBED AS THE BORDER BETWEEN FREEDOM
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AND SLAVERY. IN THE BATTLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, THE SOVIET UNION IS ON THE SIDE OF ZAMBIA AND
OTHER PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN STATES. AT A TIME WHEN THE
IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND FREEDOM ARE
UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED, THE MAINTENANCE IN SOUTH AFRICA
OF RACISM AROUSES THE WRATH AND ANGER OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD. WHILE CALLING THEMSELVES A PART OF THE FREE

WORLD, SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA DEPRIVE MORE THAN
20 MILLION PEOPLE OF THEIR ELEMENTARY FREEDOM AND RIGHTS.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE HUMAN-RIGHTS ISSUE, PODGORNYY
SAID "TODAY IN THE WEST THERE ARE MANY OF THOSE FOND OF
INTERFERING UNDER THE FLAG OF THE STRUGGLE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES INCLUDING
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." HE SAID "WESTERN COUNTRIES, AS
CUSTODIANS OF DEMOCRACY, SHOULD OPEN THEIR EYES AND TAKE
A LOOK AT HOW THINGS STAND IN THEIR OWN HOUSES AND LATER
COME TO LIVINGSTONE AND THEN LOOK AT WHAT IS GOING ON
ACROSS THE BORDER IN RHODESIA WHERE VIOLATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BECOME LAW."

4. PODGORNYY'S LIVINGSTONE HOST, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE, MBILISHI, CHARACTERIZED HIS VISIT AS MAJOR
DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
WHICH WOULD BOOST THE MORAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
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